

*And the Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory
as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

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SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism classes offered at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday; preregistration required. All baptisms are by appointment only; sponsors need Letter from their pastor. Baptisms may be scheduled on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL



There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the QR code.

MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2026. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.

NEW MEMBERS



Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

LOW-GLUTEN HOST



If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.

ONLINE GIVING



St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 4, 2026



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Carle Schwab (SMS Class of 2025)

Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

10:30 a.m. + For the Deceased Members of the Kuszmaul Family
(Alex & Grace Kuszmaul)

12:30 p.m. + Michael Putnam

5:00 p.m. + Mary Ann Cavalier (Cathy DeLuca)

Monday, January 5

6:30 a.m. + Mike Hammontree (The Saint Mary's College Romans)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Tobin Family (The DeCenzo Family)

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 a.m. + Weston Sherrer (Mr. & Mrs. J. Ryan)

8:15 a.m. + Michael Luis

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Carmelite Sisters of the
Aged & Infirm (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

8:15 a.m. + Michael Hammontree

6:00 p.m. + Leo Zupan IV (The Zupan Family)

Thursday, January 8

6:30 a.m. + Charlie Kirk

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Landry Family

Friday, January 9

6:30 a.m. + John & Ann Ketterer (The Aman Family)

8:15 a.m. + Sue Korte (Tom & Maureen Preston)

Saturday, January 10

8:15 a.m. + Daniel Myers (The Lund Family)

4:00 p.m. + Robert Charles Brown (Cheryl Brown)

Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Jamie Mascazzini (SMS Class of 2025)

10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

12:30 p.m. + Francesca Tata

5:00 p.m. + Daniel Myers (The Eppler Family)

PARISH CALENDAR: JANUARY

SUNDAY, January 4

Friendship Sunday after Morning Masses

9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR)

2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR)

2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C)

Monday, January 5

Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)

7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline Study (MH)

Tuesday, January 6

Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

Wednesday, January 7

Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

6:00 p.m. Mass followed by
Holy Hour & Confessions

7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)

Thursday, January 8

Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U)

6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (UMR)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

Friday, January 9

Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR)

Saturday, January 10

8:50 a.m. PSR (A)

9:30 a.m. SVDP Monthly Meeting (UMR)

2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)

5:00 p.m. 8th Grade Pilgrimage Bake Sale
after 4:00 pm Mass (MH)

SUNDAY, January 11

8th Grade Pilgrimage Bake Sale after all Masses

9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR)

9:00 a.m. PSR (A)

11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessings (C)

2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR)

2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C)

3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G)

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/.
(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

JANUARY 10 & 11
AFTER ALL MASSES

*We're having a
Bake Sale!*

SUPPORT THE ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL
8TH GRADE CLASS AS THEY RAISE
FUNDS FOR THEIR PILGRIMAGE TO
WASHINGTON D.C. TO ATTEND THE
MARCH FOR LIFE.

COME PICK OUT YOUR SWEET
TREATS AND MAKE A DONATION!
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WILL BE IN
MARIAN HALL AFTER ALL MASSES.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
PRAYERS & GENEROSITY!



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Envelopes \$ 22,419.00

Online Giving \$ 15,648.00

Total: \$ 38,067.00

DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2025 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Envelopes \$ 19,409.00

Online Giving \$ 3,357.86

Total: \$ 22,766.86

DECEMBER 28, 2025:

Envelopes \$ 13,095.00

Online Giving \$ 16,149.00

Total: \$ 29,244.00

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Merry Christmas!

Celebrating Epiphany gives us yet another opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Lord. "Little Christmas," as it's popularly called, provides us with more insight into the manifestation of God in the Flesh to all of Humanity. May we treasure the relationship we can each have with the Lord Jesus in the flesh.

Our parish family will bid farewell to a couple of very important staff members who are beginning new chapters in their professional lives. Rebecca Lund and Kris Jesse will be bringing their time at St. Michael Office as members of the pastoral staff to a close at the end of this week.

Both of them are entering into exciting new chapters of life where they will bring their amazing gifts and talents to new and bigger professional platforms. They have helped St. Michael Parish enter into a new chapter and they will be sorely missed in the office and for all of the behind the scenes work they do.

Please join me in praying for them and their new endeavors.

Calendars for the new year are available while supplies last in Marian Hall.

In Jesus our newborn King,

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH

MOM'S DAY OUT WINTER & SPRING SEASON STARTING SOON!

Mothers are invited to join our Mother's Day Out Community. Mothers will take turns staying and caring for the group of children playing in the Upper Meeting Room or dropping off their child(ren) and enjoying some free time.

Two mothers will stay each day and there is a cap at 12 children to maintain a less than 1:6 ratio of mother:children. Dates will coincide with St. Michael School days in session and according to room availability.

Fridays
9:30am
to
11:30am

Mothers will sign up to volunteer for 4 dates to stay with the children and are always welcome to stay extra days if they would like to. All volunteers need to be PGC cleared prior to volunteering. Please contact Rachael Laurin at ralaurin0928@gmail.com for questions or to sign up.



DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY FOR ST. MICHAEL

Our parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! We want to hear from our parishioners! Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey today. The Survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Michael the Archangel Parish and better prepare us for the future. For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey link, please scan the QR code.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the Rule of Saint Benedict (73:3)

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

"When you invoke Saint Joseph, you don't have to say much. Tell him, 'if you were in my place, Saint Joseph, what would you do? Well, pray for this on my behalf.'"

+SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

Monday, January 5 ~ Twelfth Day of the Christmas Season **Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. His fame spread to all of Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases and racked with pain, those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

Meditation: Notice that in announcing the good news, Jesus made two simple demands: (1) repent, and (2) believe! Repentance requires a life-change and a transformation of heart and mind. The Holy Spirit gives us a repentant heart, a true sorrow and hatred for sin and its consequences, and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see our sin for what it is – rebellion and a rejection of the love of God. God's grace helps us to turn away from all that would keep us from his love. Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and makes it easy for us to accept and believe the truth. To believe is to take Jesus at his word, to believe that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to redeem us from the slavery of sin and death.

Prayer: O God, who called the Bishop Saint John Neumann, renowned for his charity and pastoral service, to shepherd your people in America, grant by his intercession that, as we foster the Christian education of youth and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love, we may constantly increase the family of your Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation. Isaiah foretold (see Isaiah 9) that the good news of salvation would be proclaimed in this land and reach to the Gentiles. Jesus begins the proclamation of the gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus.

Tuesday, January 6 ~ Thirteenth Day of the Christmas Season **Optional Memorial: Saint André Bessett, Religious**

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:34-44 When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. By now it was already

late and his disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. Dismiss them so that they can go to the surrounding farms and villages and buy themselves something to eat." He said to them in reply, "Give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Are we to buy two hundred days' wages worth of food and give it to them to eat?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out they said, "Five loaves and two fish." So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass. The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties. Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments and what was left of the fish. Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men.

Meditation: Many ask what the significance of this miracle conveys to us? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes we see a sign and a symbol of what God always does. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

Prayer: Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Despite what we may think, no matter what we may purchase, the trappings and allurements of this earthly world will not bring us true and lasting happiness, for nothing can satisfy the deepest longing and desire of the heart, except God alone. Do you believe that is true? Of all the miracles Jesus did, this is the only one which is repeated in all four gospels. A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd – at least six month's wages! Jesus took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. In the end, they took up what was left over – twelve baskets full so that nothing would be wasted.

Wednesday, January 7 ~ Fourteenth Day of the Christmas Season **Optional Memorial: Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45-52 After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had taken leave of them, he went off to the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore. Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out. They had all seen him and were terrified. But at once he spoke with them, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" He got into the boat with them and the wind died down. They were completely astounded. They had not understood the incident of the loaves. On the contrary, their hearts were hardened.

Meditation: Does the Lord ever seem distant to you? After the great miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus sends his disciples away to fend for themselves in the dark of the night while a storm begins to brew on the sea. Although they were experienced fishermen, they were fearful for their lives. The Lord's sudden presence on the sea only made them more fearful! Mark says they were terrified (verse 50), not only because the sea was threatening to drown them. When they saw Jesus walking on the water, they thought he was a ghost waiting for their imminent destruction. Jesus had to calm them with his reassuring voice: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." Jesus gave them the courage to cast their anxiety and fear on him who is Lord of the seas as well as their lives. Scripture reminds us that no fear can

overtake us if we put our trust in God's love and care for us. John the Evangelist tells us that God's love abides in us and perfect love casts out fear. (1 John 4:16,18).

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Raymond with the virtue of outstanding mercy and compassion for sinners and for captives, grant us, through his intercession, that, released from slavery to sin, we may carry out in freedom of spirit what is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you ever find yourself thinking how much we are like the apostles – especially when we experience trials and adversity? While the Lord may at times seem distant to us, he, nonetheless is constantly present at our side. The scriptures remind us that the Lord is “a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). Whatever storms make beset us, he promises to “bring us to our desired haven” (Psalm 107:29-30). The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities and trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you respond? With fear and panic, or with faith and trust in God's love and presence with you?

Thursday, January 8 ~ Fifteenth Day of the Christmas Season

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-22 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

Meditation: In and through Jesus Christ we see the grace of God in action. His gracious words brought hope, joy, and favor to those who were ready to receive him. Where did Jesus begin his public ministry? In his own land of Galilee where he was reared from his youth in Nazareth. His proclamation of the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah brought wonder to his kin and townsfolk. Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus awakened their hope in the promises of God. They, in turn, received his words favorably and wondered what would become of “Joseph's son”. Their hearts were hungry for the word of life and they looked to Jesus with anticipation and wonder. Do you look to Jesus with confidence and hope in the fulfillment of all God's promises?

Prayer: O God, who by; the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son wondrously began for your people the work of redemption, grant, we pray, to your servants such firmness of faith, that by his guidance they may attain the glorious prize you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What did Jesus come to do for us? He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible – slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from hopelessness and the fear of annihilation. The gospel of salvation is “good news” for us today. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?

Friday, January 9 ~ Sixteenth Day of the Christmas Season

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:12-16 It happened that there was a man full of leprosy in one of the towns where Jesus was; and when he saw Jesus, he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said, “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do will it. Be made clean.” And the leprosy left him immediately. Then he ordered him not to tell anyone, but “Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The report about him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to him and to be cured of their ailments, but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.

Meditation: In today's gospel the leper who met Jesus did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request,

but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean – not only physically but spiritually as well. The Holy Spirit inflames our hearts with the love of Christ that we may reach out to others with compassionate care, especially to those who have been rejected and mistreated. The love of God impels us to do as Jesus did – to love the unlovable, to touch the untouchable, and to forgive the unforgivable. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love and compassion of Christ for others? If not, what is holding you back?

Prayer: Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, Lord, we pray, and with the splendor of your glory set their hearts ever aflame, that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior and may truly hold fast to him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus did the unthinkable by physically touching the untouchable. Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. Are there people in your life that you might treat as a leper? They may not have leprosy, but the way you sun them, the way you look upon them, the way you treat them, the way you avoid them, perhaps they might as well have leprosy. When someone who is begging for food, or for your pocket changes approaches you for help, do you pretend not to see them? People created in the same image and likeness of God just like you? Think about it...then do something about it the next time someone needs a helping hand, a kind word, and to know that the love of Christ – the love in your heart – is pouring forth to help them.

Saturday, January 10 ~ Seventeenth Day of the Christmas Season

Holy Gospel: John 3:22-30 Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, where he spent some time with them baptizing. John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was an abundance of water there, and people came to be baptized, for John had not yet been imprisoned. Now a dispute arose between the disciples of John and a Jew about ceremonial washings. So they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing and everyone is coming to him." John answered and said, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said that I am not the Christ, but that I was sent before him. The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens for him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease."

Meditation: When the friends of John the Baptist complain that all are now going to Jesus, John in his characteristic humility exclaimed that he was not the Messiah but only the messenger sent to prepare his way. John describes the Messiah as the Bridegroom and himself as the friend of the Bridegroom. The image of marriage and the wedding feast is used throughout the scriptures to describe God's joy in his people, who are regarded as his bride. As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you (ref. Isaiah 62:5).

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who were pleased to shine forth with new light through the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that, just as he was pleased to share our bodily form through the childbearing of the Virgin Mary, so we, too, may one day merit to become companions in his kingdom of grace. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: John acted as the best man in arranging the marriage and in making preparations for the marriage feast. John and his disciples rejoice that the Bridegroom has come to make his bride, the church, ready for the marriage feast. We see this fulfilled in the New Jerusalem in the marriage feast of the Lamb and his Bride (ref. Revelations 21-22). Do you look with joyful anticipation to the consummation of God's plan for his people at the end of the ages? Something to pray for, to plan for, and to look for!

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First Priority	Second Priority
Sundays 4:00pm	Sundays 10:00pm
Sundays 5:00pm	Sundays 11:00pm
Sundays 6:00pm	Mondays 12:00am
Thursdays 8:00am	Mondays 1:00am
Thursdays 12:00pm	Mondays 2:00am
Thursdays 3:00pm	Mondays 3:00am
Fridays 8:00pm	Mondays 4:00am
	Mondays 6:00am
	Mondays 7:00am
	Mondays 8:00am

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KofC Freethrow Contest

Saturday, January 24 11am-2pm



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